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Dear Commissioner Salazar:

Recent news reports have raised questions regarding the number of individuals who received healthcare policy cancellations letters due the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). I write today for the purpose of clarifying directly from your office the actual number of Coloradans who received healthcare policy cancellations notices.

An internal email on November 14, 2013 from the Division of Insurance specified that 249,199 Coloradans received cancellations notices. Is 249,199 the correct number to date? When did the Division of Insurance finalize the numbers for individuals who had their health insurance cancelled? I raise these questions in the midst of news reports regarding political pressure placed on your division to alter numbers.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which I serve, has direct oversight of healthcare coverage for the American public and the changes associated with the passage of PPACA. As such, we need the most accurate information possible in order to fully evaluate the effects of this law on individuals and the health insurance industry. Please provide my office with a detailed account of when cancellations notices were first sent to consumers in Colorado.

If 249,199 is the correct number of policy cancellations, please provide my office with a detailed explanation of how the Division of Insurance compiled this data. I understand first-hand the effects of losing your health insurance policy. Similar to many other Coloradans, I also received a policy cancellation notice in the mail.

As Congress continues to evaluate and review the President's healthcare law, the answers to the above questions will be invaluable to fulfilling my obligation to represent my Congressional District. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress